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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original,
first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a
patent is sought on the invention entitled SURFACE POSITION DETECTING METHOD

_____, the specification of which
☐ is attached hereto. ☒ was filed on 1/AUG/1997 as United States Appl'n No. 08/904,867

and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification,
including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in
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